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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

TUMOR-SPECIFIC EXPRESSION OF REPORTER GENES

This responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 18, 2008. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2). With the extension, the deadline for filing a reply is on or before April 18, 2008. Thus, this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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